

around the world and our own economy. It is not.

So far, 80 million barrels have already been released, but it hasn't driven down prices. Instead, the reserves we have in the ground that oil people can produce for us are the things that are going to change oil prices, not tapping into our reserves.

There is only going to be a few days' worth to run the country on, or bleeding it out over 180 days, 1 million barrels at a time.

Tap into our energy we have so abundantly in this country. That will affect the market for us, for our allies in Europe, and actually truly make a big difference, instead of playing this little game with our oil reserves that doesn't do anything other than look like we are doing something.

Let's get back to work on putting Americans to work and our energy dependability on us and not on others. I ask the President to change directions on this policy.

#### PUTIN IS DESTABILIZING THE WORLD ECONOMY AND ORDER

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, last week, I held an in-person townhall to hear how inflation impacts our community. Too many Pennsylvanians are making tough choices to put food on the table, gas in their tanks, and other budgetary choices.

Today, I rise to discuss why confronting Putin abroad helps address inflation issues here at home.

It is no secret that we live in a global market. We became acutely aware of that fact during the pandemic. Ukraine and Russia provide us, and the world, grain, oil, gas, and even things like fertilizer.

When we are at war in these areas or people are at war in these areas, this impacts our economy colossally. We are again seeing how connected we are, this time not from a global disease but, rather, from a diseased man.

Vladimir Putin is infected, and he is inflicting untold horrors on the people of Ukraine and simultaneously destabilizing our world economy and order.

To fully address these rising costs and inflation in part caused by this Russian war, our top priority has to be bringing a just, durable, and lasting peace to this conflict in Ukraine.

The longer the war rages on, the longer it will take for our economy to recover. That is why we must impose strong sanctions against Russia, coordinated with our allies; we must expedite weaponry to Ukraine; and we must return to prepandemic domestic oil production levels to meet our domestic needs and to help bring down global market costs.

For the people of the Sixth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I promise to keep doing everything in

my power to make sure we can alleviate pressures that are felt at home from abroad.

#### RECOGNIZING CHRIS DELESANDRI

(Mr. WEBER of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Chris Delesandri on his retirement after a dedicated 41 years of service with United Way of Galveston County Mainland, where he served as the executive director for the past 10 years.

Not only did Chris serve Galveston County during his time with United Way, but Chris has also served as the president of the Rotary Club of Texas City. He was elected to the Roll of Fame for Rotary District 5910 and earned the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards volunteer.

Chris always prioritized giving back to his community, and as such, he has earned several awards through the Chamber of Commerce, such as Citizen of the Year in 2008 and the Leslie Hayley Community Service Award in 2014.

I commend Chris for his numerous accomplishments and his dedicated service to our district and congratulate him on his retirement. I am so glad to represent him and call him a friend. He deserves a great retirement.

Have a good one, buddy.

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#### DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO DRIVE STABILITY AND GROWTH IN SMALL BUSINESSES

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for all the good work that they have done to support American small businesses during the pandemic.

Democrats working with President Biden have helped businesses to keep their lights on and employees on payroll.

Biden's plan has enabled a remarkable rebound in small business activity with small business demand for labor and inventory near record high.

The share of small businesses that have created new jobs in the first quarter of this year is higher than at any point in the Trump administration.

Democrats are continuing to drive stability and growth in small businesses. H.R. 3807 is in furtherance of that. The bill provides \$13 billion to establish a Hard Hat Industry's Award Program to provide awards to small businesses across all industries and sectors that were hardest hit by the pandemic, regardless of industry or business.

My colleagues and I are proposing solutions focused on assisting small busi-

nesses, the true engine of our Nation's economy, to rebuild and help our economy be better than before.

#### CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I have visited our southern border three times since I have been in office, and the crisis is only getting worse.

Not only have we seen the most illegal crossings on record over the past year, but also fentanyl overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45, and the top source of fentanyl is the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Biden administration's decision to end title 42 without a plan will only worsen this crisis.

It is past time to stop playing politics with border security. Federal law requires the Department of Homeland Security to create and implement a strategy to secure our northern border, but we currently don't have one that addresses the southern border crisis.

I introduced the Comprehensive Southern Border Strategy Act to change that and direct the Department of Homeland Security to create a strategy to secure our U.S.-Mexico border.

Our economic prosperity, national security, and public safety requires secure borders.

#### DEMOCRATS ARE BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, President Joe Biden has done an awesome job creating jobs. He is a jobs President.

Last year, 6.6 million jobs were created. In the last 14 months working with congressional Democrats 7.4 million jobs were created, the most in United States history.

Democrats are building a better America for the future and for the people.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know.

Last week, Republican Congressman MADISON CAWTHORN bragged about being invited to cocaine-fueled sex orgies by senior Republicans. Don't believe me? Search for "MADISON CAWTHORN Republican Caucus" on the internet.

#### TITLE 42 MUST BE REINSTATED

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the administration is removing healthcare workers, Federal employees, and members of the Armed Forces

from their jobs if they refuse to get vaccinated. Meanwhile, over 160,000 unvaccinated and untested illegal aliens crossed our border last February, the most on record in two decades.

Now, Joe Biden and his Washington Democrat allies want to make a bad problem worse. Last week, President Biden eliminated President Trump's title 42, which allows DHS to deport illegal aliens if they pose a public health danger to our citizens. In other words, according to Washington Democrats, they believe American healthcare workers, Federal employees, and servicemembers deserve harsher treatment than those crossing our border illegally.

This is unacceptable. Title 42 must be reinstated immediately and kept in place until this administration comes up with a plan to deal with the border crisis created by the administration's policies.

#### CELEBRATING MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. MCNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the mathematical and statistical sciences.

Fundamental research in mathematics and statistics touches all of our Nation's scientific and technological priorities and provides tools to address societal changes.

As recent examples, mathematical scientists model the spread of pandemics and help assess the effectiveness of vaccine programs.

They produce research needed for artificial intelligence and help us understand and predict dangerous weather patterns.

And their theoretical work fortifies imaging technologies used to detect diseases, including cancer.

We are at a critical time for building and ensuring a stable and more diverse STEM workforce in the future.

Mathematics and statistics support all of the STEM disciplines and are critical to our educational system.

Every day, mathematicians and statisticians enable advances across all science and technology, making our Nation more secure and globally competitive, and training the next generation of researchers and educators.

Please join me and my fellow mathematicians on the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics in celebrating April as Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month.

#### ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

(Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to shed light on an imminent threat to our country's recent economic prosperity.

The Biden administration has created jobs and increased our Nation's GDP at unprecedented rates.

From day one, the President's economic agenda has been about generating more growth and more innovation by giving America's middle class more opportunities and more financial security.

However, oil companies are using the war between Russia and Ukraine as a pretext to engage in unlawful price gouging to rob American people of their hard-earned dollars.

I applaud my colleagues for taking the necessary steps to address this concern by facilitating oversight hearings to maintain the integrity of the oil industry and hold these companies accountable for their unconscionable practices.

Hopefully, these testimonies and hearings will lead to changes, and we can truly enjoy all the success of our current administration and keep dollars in the pockets of the American people.

#### STANDING WITH BURMA

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5497, the BURMA Act, which would provide badly needed resources to civil society actors in Burma and impose sanctions on the Burmese military for upending years of progress, democracy, and human rights for a self-serving and brutal agenda of repression and violence.

Having visited Burma, I have seen the strength of its people as they have struggled to create and sustain democracy.

Now, under the authoritarian Tatmadaw, the divisions, prejudices, and violence have been exacerbated and progress has been reversed.

The Rohingya and other vulnerable populations continue to be displaced and assaulted. Journalists are purposely targeted for harassment and violence.

The political opposition has faced unspeakable violence and imprisonment.

We must commit to holding those responsible for the collapse of democracy and human rights to account, and we must support those that are working in dangerous circumstances to reestablish the rule of law.

As we continue to work against global authoritarianism and for democracy and human rights around the world, let us stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Burma and their struggle for freedom.

#### RECOGNIZING CAMDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize seven amazing students from the Camden Central School District Track and Field team, who recently traveled to Mayfield, Kentucky, during their February break to help residents after a devastating tornado ripped through the State 2 months ago.

Led by Coach Phil Lucason, seven members of the team volunteered their time: Lizzy Lucason, Will Carver, Ryan Beaulac, Joe Doran, Nate Hurd, Ivy Murphy, and Dillon Melchoire. Incidentally, Dillon made a special stop at the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky on the way back to sign a letter of intent to run track for them next year. But these students worked in a large distribution center helping hundreds of residents per day, who were seeking food and other household supplies.

The students also spent time working alongside contractors who were rebuilding the many buildings devastated by the storm.

Their tireless efforts on behalf of those whom they had never met is a beautiful example of selfless service.

The 22nd District is so incredibly honored to have these excellent students representing us and showing just how willing our community is to help people in their greatest time of need. I thank them for their tremendous service to our community.

#### REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE STATUS QUO

(Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate House Democrats' efforts to pass the Affordable Insulin Now Act, which would cap the cost of insulin at \$35 a month.

This bill will be a game changer for the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas and the country as a whole. We have the highest rates of diabetes in the country, and over 25 percent of the population is uninsured.

The stark reality is that the skyrocketing cost of insulin is crushing south Texans and people across our country.

One in four Americans who rely on insulin have been forced to ration or skip a dose or choose between buying groceries and filling prescription drugs.

Pharmaceutical companies manufacture insulin for less than \$10 yet sell it to the American people for more than 10 times that.

I refuse to accept the status quo.

This long-overdue legislation is an important step to lower healthcare costs for families and hold Big Pharma accountable.

I urge my Senate colleagues to pass the Affordable Insulin Now Act and send it to the President's desk to sign today.